Association has plans to set up 100 basic amenity centres along the National Highways in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, what are the details of the schemes;

(c) what are the total highways that are likely to be covered; and

(d) by what time the amenities would be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) It has come to the notice of this Ministry that Indian Roads Transport Development Association, a non-Government Organisation intends to set up some wayside amenities on the highways in the country, the details of which are not known.

Recruitment of SC/ST candidates in K.V.S.

941. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has contemplated/initiated any special drive for recruitment of SC/ST candidates;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the details of vacancies of different categories of posts for SC/ST candidates as on date?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan issued a special advertisement for recruitment to various categories of teaching posts exclusively for reserved categories—including those reserved for SC/ST candidates—on 18.2.1989, in addition to earlier advertisements dated 24.12.88 and 31.12.88 both for general and reserved categories. The interviews for the posts of Post Graduate Teachers reserved for SC/ST candidates have started from 24-7-89.

(c) The following posts have been advertised exclusively for SC/ST candidates:

	SC	ST
1. Primary Teachers	144	72
2. Trained Graduate Teachers	099	49
3. Post Graduate Teachers	080	40
4. Music Teachers	009	04
5. SUPW Teachers	021	11
6. Librarians	009	05

Change from seniority-cum-merit to seniority-cum-fitness

942. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the basis of promotion of Trained Graduate Teachers in the schools under Delhi Administration has recently been changed from seniority-cum-merit to seniority-cum-fitness;

(b) if so, whether All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Association has demanded extension of the same principle to teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas also; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of the Sangathan thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Provision for promotion on the basis of seniority-cum-fitness already exists for all teaching posts in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan. However, promotion is made on the basis of merit to the posts of Headmasters/Head Mistresses, Vice-Principals, Principals which require administrative competence also. The demand of All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Association is not acceptable as these posts are selection posts where merit is to be given precedence.

Confirmation of the teachers in K.V.S.

943. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kendriya Vidyalaya teachers are required to be confirmed on their initial posts a year after they complete their probation period of one/two years;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that there are number of Post Graduate teachers who have not yet been confirmed though they were initially appointed in 1969 and 1977; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and reasons for not confirming them so far?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) The Assistant Commissioners of Regional Offices are competent to confirm the teachers after successful completion of the probationary period of two years.

(b) and (c) Since confirmation of teachers is done by the Regional offices, the details are not maintained in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Headquarters.

Conditions for calling untrained candidates for interview

944. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the conditions in which untrained candidates for the post of T.G.T. and Primary Teachers in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan can be called for interview;

(b) whether any change has recently been effected in these conditions; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and justification therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) to (c) For the post of Primary Teachers, there is no provision in the recruitment rules to call untrained candidates for interview. For the post of Trained Graduate Teachers, earlier the academic qualification was University Degree/ Diploma in Education Teaching. This could be relaxed for a period of two years for candidates who had obtained 60% and above marks in the aggregate in B. Sc./BA or equivalent examination and 55% and above in Master's Degree examination. This two year relaxation could be extended for one year if the candidate was not able to acquire the teaching degree/ diploma within the stipulated period of 2 years for reasons beyond his control. In order to attract the academically more brilliant candidates, the requirements have since been changed as follows:

"For those candidates who have obtained 60% and above in the aggregate in BA/B.Sc. or equivalent examination and 65% or above in Science subject, 60% or above in Arts or 55% or above in Commerce in Master's Degree examination, the requirement of degree/diploma in teaching may be relaxed for a period of 3 years."